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**THE FAKUMEN RAILWAY.**  
It was only to be expected that Mr. Valentine Chirel's Tokyo telegram, wherein he set forth the Japanese case in the Fakumen railway dispute, would receive a good deal of attention in England, and that those vitally interested in the matter would have something to say from their point of view. In the Times we find the following letter from Messrs Pauling and Co., Ltd., of 26, Victoria-st., Westminster. The letter runs:—  
Sir,—As the British firm referred to, we trust that you will extend to us the courtesy of your columns for the following letter in reply to your Special Correspondent's cable.  
A careful perusal of the lengthy article from your "Special Correspondent" published in your issue of the 2nd of June, reveals the fact that the whole Japanese argument in support of her veto is based on the competitive character of the proposed Fakumen Railway.  
The particular clause in the Protocol, which Japan relies upon to uphold her veto, refers most specifically to competitive lines, and unless the injurious nature of the proposed line can be substantiated, the very foundations of the Japanese contention fall to the ground.  
In your leader on your "Special Correspondent's" article you admit that the balance of evidence is against the Japanese. If the proposed line is not extended to Tientsin, it would have been more correct to say that the whole of the evidence is against Japan's contention.  
Surely it is only reasonable that the question at issue should under such circumstances be referred to arbitration, not necessarily to The Hague, but to some independent arbiters.  
The remainder of your "Special Correspondent's" message can carry little or no weight in extension of Japan's veto, with those who have knowledge of her policy in Manchuria.  
As regards the extreme anxiety of Japanese Ministers and the Japanese Court to show their friendship to British interests, this can probably be attributed to a desire to facilitate negotiations leading up to the conclusion of Japan's external loans, in which it is hoped British investors will take an important part. This policy is clearly nothing but a diplomatic move of more than ordinary profundity.  
Not long ago the chairman of the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, addressing his shareholders, said that British shipping trade to the East and the Yangtze was being driven out of the market by the extraordinary losses paid by the Japanese Government to Japanese steamship lines. These losses are doubtless included in the allocation of money derived from British loans.  
Japan's present attitude in Manchuria has clearly demonstrated her intention of preventing railway development in that province, and further we are in a position to state that Japan has notified China that she will not permit any development of Manchuria by means of railways connected with the Chinese Northern Railway system. In other words, in order to protect the South Manchurian Railway, territory many thousands of square miles in extent is to be debarré any railway construction.  
The alternative proposals made by Japan could not possibly be accepted by China, in that, apart from the economic and commercial disadvantages, which are great, it would mean surrendering further large areas of territory to Japanese control, and the knowledge of the present position in Manchuria makes it impossible to credit Japan with any bona fide intention of solving the dispute by means of these alternative proposals.  
You have from time to time published from "your own Correspondent" in Peking, whose knowledge of Chinese affairs is of world-wide repute, information and editorial comments so diametrically opposed to the views now expressed that we venture to request you to refer to these articles and your readers thereof and further to re-examine the mass of evidence which has been furnished you.  
We have grounds for stating that, had it not been for the opposition of Japanese interests, we had more than a good chance of obtaining (as British contractors) the construction of the "Anton-Han-kou Railway," before the German came in and obtained that extraordinary position which they now hold in the Yangtze Valley—a sphere of influence which has been held up to the British public for many years as being sacrosanct to them, and as a set-off to the German sphere in Shantung.  
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## The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1909.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

We believe that according to the  
Observatory records there is a deficiency  
of 18.626 inches in the normal rainfall  
for the first half of the present year.  
This is a serious position for the Colony  
to face, for normally we should, by now  
be nearly through the heaviest of the  
rainy season, and hence it looks highly  
probable that we will have to depend  
for the rest of the year's supply upon  
whatever rain an occasional typhoon  
may bring in its train and the deposits  
of moisture which usually follow the  
change of the monsoon in the early  
autumn. There is no disputing the fact  
that 1909 has been a very abnormal year  
so far as climatic conditions in Hong-  
kong are concerned. Opening with  
bright, cold weather, we had very  
little rain during the first two months,  
while March and April were both below  
normal in the matter of rainfall. Then  
May proved to be another extraordinary  
exception to the general rule, even the  
oldest resident having to rack his  
memory for the record of such a cool, dry  
season. From that point of view it was  
a very delightful month no doubt, but  
the Water Authority must have viewed  
its progress with very different feelings,  
as day after day went by without a drop  
of rain being added to the steadily  
diminishing reserves. It was well on  
in June when rain in any quantity fell,  
and then not in sufficient volume to  
make up for the arrears. The result  
is seen in the Water Return  
published on the 7th July by the  
Water Authority. Therein we read  
that in 1908 on the 1st of July the  
Tiam reservoir was 18 feet 54 in.  
below the overflow mark; this year it  
is 50 feet 11 inches below overflow.  
The same dismal tale is told of Tiam  
Brewery, Tiam Intermediate, Pot-  
tatum and Wong-ni-chong in varying  
degrees of intensity. Last year in all  
these reservoirs we had on July 1st a  
total supply of 485,282,160 gallons;  
this year we have only 24,442,000  
gallons. Already steps have been taken  
to restrict the supply in all the resi-

dence districts, and so although our  
population is estimated at about 2,000  
more souls than last year, the consump-  
tion of water per head per day has  
fallen from 23.3 gallons to 18.8 gallons.  
But we fear that even more restrictive  
measures will be necessary to tide us  
through the dry season and it behoves  
everybody to exercise the greatest care  
in the use of the precious fluid.

In former years of famine, Kowloon  
has always escaped the ill which have  
befallen the City of Victoria, but a  
glance at the figures now furnished by  
the Water Authority give one to pause,  
though there is still no reason for  
getting unnecessarily alarmed. Last  
year with an estimated population of  
83,300 to serve we had at the Kowloon  
Gravitation Reservoir a storage of  
135,125,000 gallons; this year with an  
estimated population of 88,100 persons  
there are only 26,825,000 gallons in  
sight. Fortunately the consumption  
per head is only about one half what it  
is in Victoria.

The average rainfall for the six  
months, January to June, should reach  
40.631 inches. Last year the rainfall for  
this period was 33.055 inches; this year  
the figure stands at 22.003 inches, show-  
ing that for 1909 the rainfall is 18.626  
inches below the average and 11.950  
inches below the amount registered in  
the corresponding period of 1908. A  
water famine certainly seems to be one  
of the possibilities of the near future  
unless climatic conditions change con-  
siderably.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 8th June  
was delivered in London on the 7th inst.

Fifty Liverpool schools have been  
closed owing to fights between Protestant  
and Catholic children, aided by their  
mothers.

The body of a Chinaman who had died  
of plague was found to-day in Reclamation  
Street, Yunnan. This is the 124th case  
for the year.

Six delegates to the Press Conference  
received the honorary degree of doctor of  
laws of Glasgow University. One of the  
six was Mr Stanley Reed, Editor of  
The Times of India, of Bombay.

A meeting of the members of the  
Manchester Cotton Spinners' Federation  
using American cotton has unanimously  
adopted a proposal to cease work on Sat-  
urdays and Mondays from the 10th July to  
the 27th September.

From Messrs Connell Bros. we have  
received a sample of the new world-famous  
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great demand for this delicacy in Hong-  
kong. It can be obtained retail from the  
Mutual Stores.

Lord Rosebery, in a letter to the Press,  
says that the Budget is not a Budget, but  
a social and political revolution of the first  
magnitude. If carried into effect it will  
be without the participation of the country.  
Sinister apathy, His Lordship says, must  
have replaced the former jealous vigilance  
of the nation if it does not see that there  
are vast flaws in the Constitution permit-  
ting this.

The report of the London Missionary  
Society states that a Special Committee has  
been set up for many months gathering  
information and shaping out a policy of  
reconstruction for the entire work of the  
Society in China. An Advisory Council  
representing each District Committee of  
missionaries is in process of establishment,  
and when that body gets to work the first  
strain of the past three or four years  
ought to be greatly eased, and the Society's  
policy for the next decade or so be clearly  
defined.

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the Far East, and as a specimen of what  
they can do in the embossing line, they  
have issued an admirable calendar which  
has been designed and entirely made in  
their establishment.

A report from Berlin states that the  
defences of Kiaochow are being carried out  
very effectively, and Germany has now  
begun to fortify the Protectorate from the  
land side. On the southern and eastern  
approaches marine defence works have been  
thrown up in the form of redoubts and  
batteries. On the northern side  
shallow water would not allow an enemy  
to approach the shore, and the  
defence works have been only very small.  
The report states the land works referred  
to have attracted a great deal of attention  
in official circles in Peking.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr H. W. Lury—Toby M. P. of France  
has been knighted.

Mr Hugh Clifford, Colonial Secretary of  
Ceylon, has received the K.C.M.G.

Bro. Stephen, who has been connected  
with St. Joseph's College for 12 years and  
who recently returned from a trip to  
Europe, will leave for Singapore by the  
English mail next Saturday.

M. Fernand Fils, French Commercial  
Attaché in the Far East, has attended a  
meeting of the Paris Chamber of Com-  
merce, when a discussion took place on  
matters affecting French trade in China  
and Japan. Before leaving for the Far  
East M. Fils proposes to pay a round of  
visits to the principal industrial centres in  
France.

Captain P. S. Seward, Royal Garrison  
Artillery, who has been appointed to do  
duty with the Peking Legation Guard, has  
served in the Royal Artillery for close on  
eleven years and is an expert in gunnery  
matters. He went through the South  
African War, 1899-1902, and shared in  
various affairs in the Transvaal, being em-  
ployed for some time on staff duties. He  
was mentioned in dispatches and received  
the Queen's medal with three clasps.

Mr W. S. Sinclair, cashier of the London  
office of the Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China, was drowned in the  
Thames on June 6th, off Dutton Island. He  
was sitting with a young lady in the stern  
of a boat, and it is thought must have re-  
ached back to get some matches from his coat  
pocket, as he had previously "loaded" his  
pipe. Mr Sinclair could not swim, and  
though his body was recovered from the  
water in a very short time, animation could  
not be restored.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir Percy Girouard, who  
served with the Dongola Expeditionary  
Force in 1896, and with the Nile Expe-  
dition in 1897, has just been appointed  
Governor of East Africa. He was railway  
traffic manager at Woolwich Arsenal from  
1890 to 1895, director of the Sudan rail-  
ways from 1895 to 1898; President of the  
Egyptian Railway Board 1898-99. Later  
he served in South Africa, and was com-  
missioner of railways in the Transvaal and  
Orange River Colony until 1902. He was  
made High Commissioner of Northern  
Nigeria in February 1907, and Governor in  
April 1908.

CHIEF JUSTICE IN  
DIFFICULTIES.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott,  
mentioned at the Supreme Court to-day  
that he had come to a point in the case of  
S. J. David and Co., v. Chan Ut Chui, which  
he could not decide without the assistance  
of counsel. His Lordship then detailed the  
special points on which he had found  
difficulty and they will be argued, when  
they have been communicated to Mr  
McNell at Shanghai.

CHINESE EMIGRATION TO  
AMERICA.

The case was resumed before Mr Justice  
Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, this  
morning, in which Yam Yuen sued Tam  
Hin and Hip Hing Lung to recover \$601,  
being balance due under a promissory note  
for \$731, with regard to sending emigrants  
to America.

Mr F. X. d'Almeida e Castro appeared  
for the plaintiff and Mr Davidson for the  
defendant.

Mr S. T. Fuller, acting Consul General  
for America, stated that it was part of his  
duties to insist upon the observations of  
the provisions of the American emigra-  
tion laws. He further stated that he  
appeared privately.

Mr Almeida—As Mr Fuller is appearing  
privately we cannot accept his statements  
as evidence.

His Lordship—You know what Mr Fuller  
means. He is not binding the State by  
his statements.

Witness then detailed the Chinese  
emigration law in force at present in the  
United States. He could employ an agent  
but he would have no function in the  
matter. He would refuse to discuss the  
matter with a person who represented  
himself to be an agent. There were con-  
tinual attempts to break the emigration  
laws and a large part of his time was oc-  
cupied in dealing with that question.

In cross-examination witness said that  
if the agent had papers signed by the Con-  
sul at Canton he could obtain a passage.

His Lordship reserved his judgment.

The Maule Observatory gives warning  
today of a depression in the northern part  
of the China Sea.

OVER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

IN 1872 there was a great deal of dis-  
cussion, dysentery and infantile cholera.  
It was at this time that Chamberlain's  
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was  
first brought into use. It proved more  
successful than any other remedy or treat-  
ment, and has for thirty-five years main-  
tained that record. Nine chemists out of  
ten will recommend it, while the opinion  
of the medical profession is in its favor.  
It is a safe, reliable, and a greater profit. For  
sale by all chemists and druggists.

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BRILLIANT SEAMAN-  
SHIP.

NAVAL MANOEUVRES WITH-  
OUT BREAK-DOWN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, July 7.

Now that the Naval Manoeuvres are  
concluded the newspapers are eloquent  
upon the brilliance of Admiral Jermyn's  
feat in slipping through the Straits of  
Dover in a fog and meeting with the  
rest of the hostile fleet in the Atlantic.

A feature of the operations has been  
the absence of breakdowns. The Dred-  
noughts were compelled to slacken speed  
to await the slower battleships before  
the general attack could be commenced.

A POPULAR LOAN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, July 7.

The Yokohama five per cent. loan  
(\$716,500 issued at 208) has been over-  
subscribed ten times.

KITCHENER AND  
AUSTRALIA.

WILL HE HELP THE  
COMMONWEALTH?

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, July 8.

Reuter learns that the War Office has  
informed the Commonwealth that it has  
no objection to Lord Kitchener being  
secured to organize the Australian  
forces.

Lord Kitchener's decision in un-  
known.

KING EDWARD AND THE  
TERRITORIALS.

STRONGEST SAFEGUARD  
FOR PEACE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, July 8.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra  
have just concluded a three days' visit  
to Lancashire. After reviewing the  
Territorial regiments, His Majesty said  
he hoped that no occasion would arise  
necessitating their being called into  
action, but their readiness for defence,  
he held, was the strongest safeguard  
for peace.

DISCHARGES SUSPENDED.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott,  
granted an application for discharge, to be  
suspended for two years, at the Supreme  
Court this morning, in the case of S.M.S.  
Alana.

Mr Fletcher, (Official Receiver).—He  
kept no books to conceal his affairs.  
His Lordship—He seems not to have had  
any from the beginning.

Mr Fletcher—He never had any capital.  
Mr J. Hastings, who appeared for the  
debtor, suggested that the non-keeping of  
books was due to carelessness. The  
creditors had got a fair dividend of some  
25 per cent.

The application for discharge of D.R.  
Caption was also suspended for one year.

At a sale of Chinese porcelain, the  
property of Mr Gerald Brookelbeck, of  
Shanghai, held at Messrs Christie's on 9th  
June, 2373 was paid for a powdered blue  
cylindrical vase, enamelled with women in  
a garden, in famille verte. A famille verte  
square-shaped vase, enamelled with flowers  
and lylians on a stippled green ground,  
fetched 90 guineas.

A GOOD SUMMER REMEDY.

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are always prevalent. Chamberlain's  
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the best medicine obtainable for treatment of  
this kind. For sale by all chemists and  
druggists.

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PRINCE TRAI CHEN IN  
JAPAN.

(Independent News Agency's Service to  
the China Mail.)  
Tientsin, July 7.

Prince Trai Chen gave a farewell  
dinner to-night at the Shiba Detached  
Palace, where he has been staying as  
the guest of the Emperor.

A SCHOOLMASTER  
ABROAD.

(Independent News Agency's Service to  
the China Mail.)  
Tientsin, July 7.

Professor Burton, of Chicago Univer-  
sity, is here investigating conditions  
in the Orient. He will later visit  
China.

CHIROL HOMEWARD  
BOUND.

(Independent News Agency's Service to  
the China Mail.)  
Tientsin, July 7.

Mr. Valentine Chirol, Director of the  
Foreign department of The Times  
revisited Tokyo on Tuesday. He lunch-  
ed next day at Count Komura's  
residence and sailed for Seattle to-night.

SPECIAL ENVOY TO  
RUSSIA.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
Peking, July 7.

H. E. To Hung-chi, the special envoy  
sent to Russia to return the thanks of  
the Chinese Government for the presence  
at the funeral of the late Emperor of a  
special Russian Embassy, has arrived in  
St. Petersburg.

HONAM AND ITS  
MINERALS.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
Peking, July 7.

The Mine Protection Society of Honam  
Province, in a telegram to the Board of  
Communications, reproaches that Body  
for extending favours to foreigners at  
the expense of the national government,  
adding that any conventions concluded  
with foreigners will not be recognized  
by them. The Board transmitted the  
telegram to the Grand Council for  
instructions.

THE WAI-WU-PU.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
Peking, July 7.

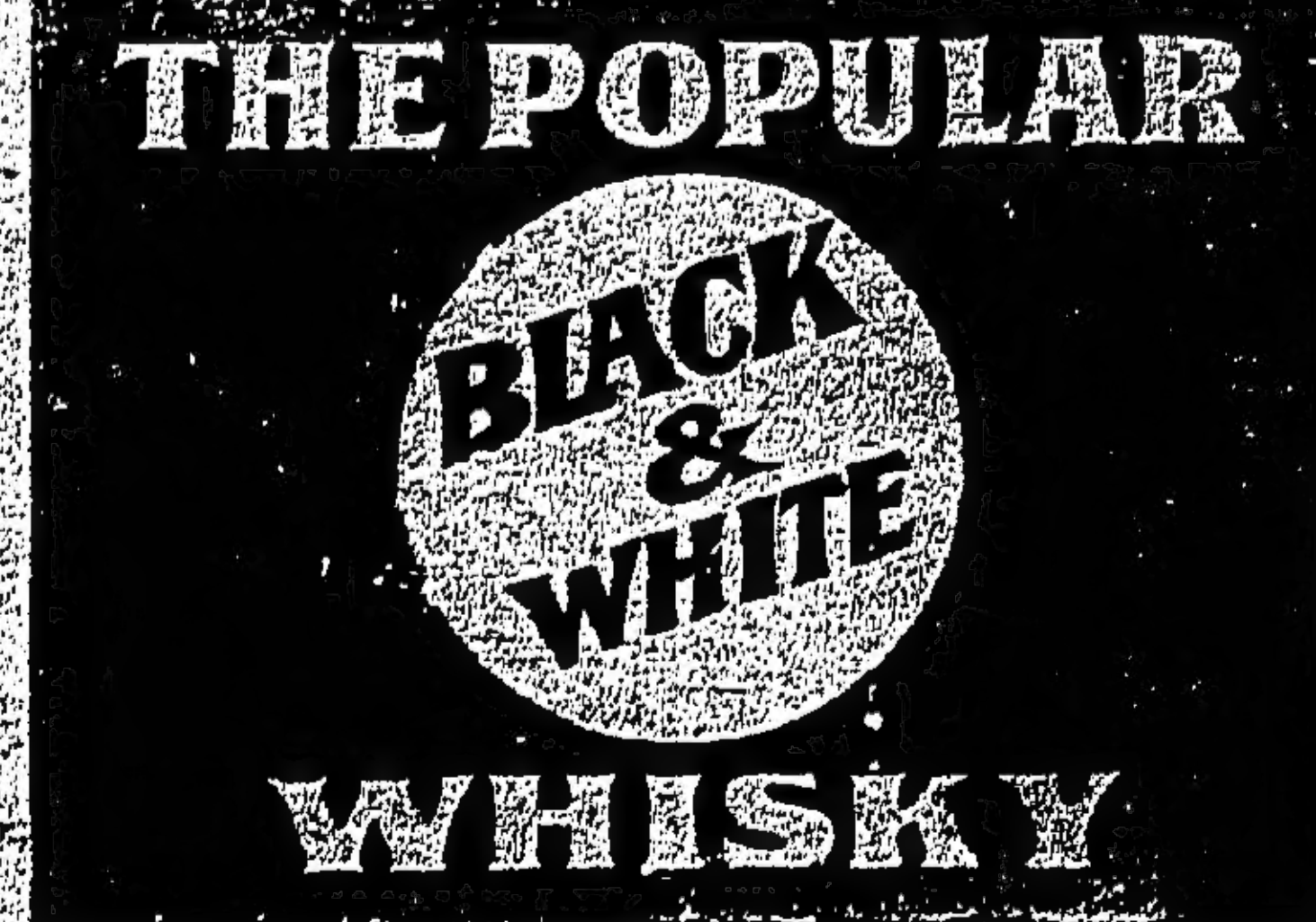
H. E. Liang Tun-yin, President of  
the Board of Foreign Affairs, has asked  
Chang Chih-tung to beg the Prince  
Regent to transfer him to another post,  
as the difficulties he encounters in his  
present office are more than he can  
surmount.

RECEIVING ORDER GRANTED.

Mr C. M. Barnard applied for a receiv-  
ing order, before the Chief Justice, Sir  
Francis Pigott, at the Bankruptcy Court  
to-day, which was granted. Mr Fletcher,  
Official Receiver, said the liabilities were  
between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

—TAKE A VACATION.

Now is the time to take a vacation, get  
out into the woods and mountains,  
and visit the seashore, but do not forget to  
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Hon. Mr. Frederick Lugard, President of the Legislative Council, presided at the meeting of the Council which was held this afternoon. There were also present:—  
 Hon. Mr. C. M. MESSER, Acting Colonial Secretary.  
 Hon. Mr. H. H. JONES, Acting Director of Public Works.  
 Hon. Mr. G. M. MESSER, Acting Colonial Treasurer.  
 Hon. Mr. A. W. BROWN, Registrar-General.  
 Hon. F. J. BARKLEY, Capt. Supt. of Police.  
 Hon. Dr. Ho KAI.  
 Hon. Mr. W. M. YU, C.M.G.  
 Hon. Mr. E. O'NEILL.  
 Hon. Mr. W. J. GIBSON.  
 Hon. Mr. MURRAY ST. JOHN.  
 Mr. C. O'NEILL (Clerk of Council).

**RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.**  
 Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the construction and management of railways."  
 Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.  
 The bill was left in committee.

**THE BILL WAS LEFT IN COMMITTEE.**  
 Hon. Mr. E. O'NEILL suggested a clause compelling the Government to provide against sparks from engines setting fire to the grass.

**PROSECUTION'S BILLY ORDINANCE.**  
 Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Statute in relation to the Prosecution of Billy Ordinance, 1889."  
 Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.  
 The bill passed through the committee stage.

**THE BILL PASSED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE.**  
 Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart thought it would effect the bettering parties but Colonial Darling explained that the power of prohibiting people from landing only applied to sampans and such like.  
 Hon. Attorney General moved the third reading of the bill.  
 Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

**COMPANIES' ORDINANCE.**  
 Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Companies (Local Regulations) Ordinance, 1907."  
 Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.  
 The bill passed through the committee stage.

**INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.**  
 Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Amendment Ordinance, 1907."  
 Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.  
 The bill passed through the committee stage.

**THE BILL PASSED THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE.**  
 Hon. Attorney General moved the third reading of the bill.  
 Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**  
 A meeting of the Finance Committee was held under the presidency of the Hon. Colonial Secretary when the following vote was considered and passed:—  
 A sum of \$100 in aid of the vote, charitable services, other charitable allowances.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Mr. J. R. Wood fined a native, who recently returned from America, \$250, at the Magistrate's day, or three months, for being in possession of a Winchester rifle and 448 rounds of ammunition. Marjorie Catherine Garbold was charged with being drunk and incapable. The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

A hawker was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazell with cutting and wounding another. A number of men were breaking the law by hawking within the limits of the Western market. The alarm was given and when the Inspector of Markets was approaching, a dash was made along Jarvis Street, then round the corner defendant, while turning the corner defendant, is alleged to have cut complainant on the arm with a knife, and hacked a lump of his muscle clean out. Complainant is now in hospital. The case was adjourned.

RICKSHAW STRIKE IN MACAO.

Traffic Again Paralyzed.  
 (From Our Own Correspondent.)  
 MACAO, July 7.  
 Rickshaw traffic is again paralyzed and the matter is drifting from bad to worse, as owners have started, at the eleventh hour, to kick against the proposals of Mr. Sio Tang and seek to make terms with the Owners direct.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—  
 On the 8th at 12.30 p.m.—The barometer has fallen moderately over the S. coast of China and the Yangtze valley, and risen slightly in N.W. Japan.  
 A depression appears to be developing over the Upper Yangtze, and pressure is still relatively low over the N.W. part of the China Sea.  
 The high pressure lies over the Pacific to the E. and S.E. of Japan.  
 Moderate winds between S. and E. may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.  
 Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 p.m. to-day, 0.08 inches.  
 Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—  
 1. Hongkong and neighbourhood: S. and S.W. winds moderate showery.  
 2. Formosa: S. winds moderate showery.  
 3. China Sea: S. winds moderate showery.  
 4. N.W. coast of China between Hongkong and Amoy: Same as No. 1.  
 5. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

WEST RIVER NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
 WUCHOW, July 5.  
 FLOODS AND RAIN.  
 The river is again risen a great deal during the past week. Fortunately when a bad flood seemed probable, there was a period of fine weather and the water, after remaining stationary for a couple of days, has begun to go down. Not much damage has been done locally. The dragon boat festival was not a great success owing to poor weather conditions. Usually we have a good race from a point several miles up the river down to Wuchow itself. A deal of interest is taken in the event by the population, and some ten boats generally enter for the contest after a period of more or less strict training. The course is a punishing one and there is a hard fight for leadership. This year, owing to the flood and rainstorms the race has not taken place.

**INLET OFFICIAL.**  
 The Chinese Officials here show signs of changing the "laissez faire" attitude which has been a characteristic of their class for two thousand years. The crossing of the Pearl River, even by the ordinary ferry-boat, is getting a matter of increasing difficulty. An order came several months ago from Peking for a body of river police to be established. Accordingly men were engaged, boats and uniforms were bought, and then apparently the matter ended. The police seem to do nothing and doubtless now imagine that it is part of their duty to make traffic conditions easier. Another instance is the continued practice by the butchers of "watering" the beef by squirting dirty water into the blood-vessels of the dead animal and so increasing its weight. As I mentioned a few months ago, an edict was issued by the officials forbidding this custom. I hear now that the same officials have been "squared" in the customary manner and the practice continues as much as ever.

**NANNING, July 3.**  
**GOVERNMENT.**  
 For the 3rd year in succession we have had a visit from the German gunboat Tientsin. She hopes also to go up river to Sunghoan. The Vigilante left last Monday after a considerable stay in Nanning; and just before she arrived we had the Sandpiper. Another French boat may be coming here, the Argus. There have been renewed rumours of a permanent French Consul being stationed in Nanning and that too very shortly.

**PIRATES.**  
 Pirates have been active lately in these regions. A Chinese steam boat, which had some silver on board, was attacked, the Captain killed and other officers wounded.

There were also suspicious of a contemplated raid on one of the motor boats, but they appear to have been unfounded.

**STRANGE DEATH.**  
 Two of the soldiers of the following of the newly arrived magistrates had a quarrel over some dollars and one attacked the other with a hatchet inflicting 5 horrid wounds, three of which were very serious, especially one, smashing the skull and exposing the brain. After several days of native treatment (the Chinese doctor having come for a consideration of \$50) this was abandoned, and the English medical missionary sent for. The removal of the old and very filthy "remedies" took over an hour, as well as the weary process of washing the poor patient who was covered with decomposing blood.

The microbes in the poultices, however, had such a start that the case seemed almost hopeless. The discarded native practitioner had so far only received a portion of his fee and he came to his foreign rival and begged him to use his influence to obtain the remainder.  
 The student "sits in prison" paying for all expenses, and the fate of his head depends on the healing of the patient's, who meanwhile, though his case is very serious, is not suffering from even a headache! After a fortnight's foreign treatment the patient became impatient and discarded the English doctor and his friends sought for a Chinaman but only to have to go back to the foreigner again as no native physician had now the courage to undertake the case!

TOKYO LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
 TOKYO, June 29.  
 Serious complaints are being formulated by both Japanese and foreigners as to the utter lack of management on the State railways. As a matter of fact, serious accidents have taken place on several lines during the past few weeks and the arrivals and departures of trains have become very irregular and quite independent of the schedules. Then the carriages are condemned as old and dirty; the sleeping cars are weird places to be actually avoided, while the refreshment cars are perfect dens of horror for people who like cleanliness and wholesome food. I must sadly own that there is little exaggeration in this indictment. The Nippon, a leading paper of Tokyo, commenting on the railway administration, says that the authorities of the Department of Communications organized a national system, so as to reduce the sphere of authority and thus bring about closer supervision and more direct responsibility. The result, however, has turned out quite different to expectation, for not only has injurious competition been created among the sections, but the abuse of favoritism has also been accentuated. During the fiscal year ended March 31st financial conditions have shown some disquieting features. The gross income was ¥28,000,000, while the total outlay was ¥27,000,000, leaving a net profit

of ¥30,000,000. But the capital invested in the railways is ¥120,000,000, for the State lines and ¥480,000,000 for the newly nationalized railways, making a total of ¥600,000,000. Interest on this total at 5 per cent works out at ¥30,000,000 and it results therefore that the net income is only ¥3,000,000. These figures, compared with other countries show that, where it is 48 or 43 per cent of the gross income goes generally to the expense of railway management the cost in Japan is over 50 per cent.

Prince Tsai Chen of China has arrived in Tokyo to return the thanks of his country for Prince Fushimi's attendance at the Imperial funeral. He is, of course, the guest of the Emperor and Shiba Detached Palace is assigned as his residence. During his sojourn in Tokyo two companies of the Imperial Bodyguards will be on duty at the Palace.

Some fifteen officials of the Osaka Customs have been arrested. The trouble is connected with the recent detection of wholesale smuggling of sugar and some prominent sugar importers of Osaka are also charged with having used bribes in this connection.

Bubonic plague is still prevalent in Tokyo and Yokohama. During last week, two new cases were reported in each of the cities.

The preliminary examination of the Nippon Marine Products Company's scandal has concluded and Lieut. General Barua Yuya (on reserve) and other Directors have been committed for trial. It is alleged that Baron Yuya and other Directors raised a large amount of money through fraudulent means. The Baron is said to be seriously ill. The public trial of the accused will take place after the conclusion of the summer vacation, which commences on July 11th and lasts two months.

A syndicate has been formed in Tokyo by leading business men with a view to taking part in supplying funds and materials for projected Chinese railways. The capital of the syndicate is said to be ¥1,000,000. Baron Shibatawa, President of the First Bank; Mr. R. Kondo, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha; and Mr. K. Okura are the promoters of the association. Commenting on the promotion of the syndicate, Tokyo papers say that Japanese capitalists have been sleeping for a long time but have now apparently opened their eyes and finding from the movements of foreigners in China that profitable undertakings are afoot are anxious to partake in the commercial and industrial competition now proceeding or lying hidden in the future.

THE LATE DR. LALACA.

The North China Daily News says that the murder of Dr. Lalaca removes one of the best known and most prominent members of the Shanghai community. Dr. Lalaca had only been a few weeks in London and those who knew him would be the last to believe that he had given cause for such deadly animosity, even to a fiery tempered Indian student. Dr. Lalaca was the son of a well known and highly respected Civil Servant of India, the late Mr. Cusset Lalaca, Superintendent of the Postal Service. He was born in Ahmedabad, Gujarat Division, India, in 1863, and took preliminary medical degrees in Bombay. In 1884 he went to London where he qualified as M.B., B.S., M.C.P. Later on he won his M.D., Brussels, and in 1888 he arrived in Shanghai and established a practice.

During the twenty-three years of his residence in Shanghai Dr. Lalaca had always taken a prominent part in philanthropic movements. He was very popular socially, and was one of the kindest members of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, in which he held the position of Surgeon-Major, and Principal Medical Officer of the Corps. He took unusual interest in military sports and rifle shooting and contributed freely in promoting these branches of service, both with trophies and personal effort. At the annual encampment he was always a familiar figure and he delighted no less in the rough field work of the Volunteer than in the scientific details of military work with which the ordinary Volunteer is not so familiar. He was a Mason of high degree and a member of the Grand Lodge of Northern China.

As one of the recognized leaders of the local Parsi community, however, Dr. Lalaca was known best, and when the Aga Khan visited Shanghai some two years ago came particularly in prominence and occupied a chief part in arranging receptions and entertainments for the distinguished visitor. All matters affecting the welfare of the Parsi community were of interest to Dr. Lalaca, and it was always felt that although he came most frequently into association with people of other foreign communities, his own people were never forgotten, and always retained first place in his affection.

In 1902 Dr. Lalaca took long leave and renewed old friendships at the Southern ports and India before continuing his journey to Europe. After a short holiday he returned and during the past seven years, since then, he worked diligently at his profession in Shanghai until February 11th, when he went away for another holiday. After visiting his people in India he left Bombay on April 17 and went to London, intending to return to Shanghai in October next. He was a member of the Imperial Institute and would naturally have been there frequently.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

London, June 15.  
 The comments of the Press on the report of the Royal Commission on Shipping Rings, a summary of which I called to you—are not favourable by any means. It is generally described as another proof of the discredit that is growing against the Commission system. There were nineteen of the commissioners in this case but only eleven signed the majority report. All they can say is that rings are not so very harmful and the merchants and shippers could remedy any grievance for themselves. But surely, if that were so, the remedy would have been applied without all this bother. Was there ever such a case of the mountain going in travail and producing a mouse at last. Of course the ring system with its rebates and so forth has been pushed furthest in South Africa, and one result has been that Americans are gaining benefits that should be given to Britons.

Dr. Stein, the explorer of Turkistan, has received additional leave of absence. He is busily engaged sorting and describing the official collections of curios and specimens he brought home for the museum.

The sudden irruption of American financiers in China has caused a good deal of comment in Europe but it is not very remarkable after all, for ever since Mr. Taft visited China the Yankees have kept a watchful eye round the Oriental possibilities. Now that the American investors are loosening their cash bags again after the panic the financiers see fine fields for enterprise in China—fields that promise to extend for some years to come. Further, they see a group of European financial interests picking up the plums, and that spectacle is not good for the digestion of the Americans. So in regard to the Morgan-Kuhn, Loeb participation in the Hankow-Szechuan loan—an advance tip of which I fancy I must have given you in my cable some weeks ago—there is the support of the American government, and other financial combinations are sending agents to China to sound the waters and discover where the financial possibilities lie.

The Washington correspondent of the Morning Post declares: "It is no idle expression of paternalist interest that is coming from the President. Mr. Taft is determined to cap his plans by the selection of a thorough business man for the Peking Embassy. He was much disappointed at not securing Mr. Hays Hammond, the mining expert.

These things, taken in conjunction with the American protest to China against no warping being given to America of the loan for railways in Hupoh and Hunan, may be taken as proof positive that there is a definite Taft policy for China. For long enough the American press—particularly the New York Herald—has been excellent cables from Hongkong and other Far Eastern points—has been trying to improve the relations between China and the United States. While the suggested alliance between Peking and Washington did not find favour with Washington, President Taft and his supporters are quite willing to let drop hints to China that "Coolidge's friend" is not short" and to draw away from these means of the reliance that is now placed on British, German and French financiers.

Prince and Princess Nashimoto, having passed across the Channel after a festive time in England we are to have two other Japanese Royal visitors in the persons of Prince and Princess Kuni, who come early in July and will stay for two or three weeks. After that it is planned for two other Japanese princes to come to Europe; for it is desired that all the possible successors to the throne shall see something of the world.

I hear that the Japanese Imperial family is taking an interest in the Anglo-Japanese exhibition to be held here in May next year. They are supervising the construction of a model of the Imperial duck hunting ground at Nishama, a model that will realistically reproduce every feature of the sport.

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STEAMERS	Leave Hongkong	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES (Brindisi) Days earlier	Due at LONDON (London) 1 day later
ASATA	1909			
DELA	July 10	MAURITANIA 1909	Aug. 7	Aug. 13
DELA	July 24	MOLDAVIA 1909	Aug. 21	Aug. 27
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DELA	Aug. 21	MOLDAVIA 1909	Sept. 18	Sept. 24
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DELA	Oct. 30	MAURITANIA 1909	Nov. 25	Dec. 1
DELA	Nov. 13	MOLDAVIA 1909	Dec. 9	Dec. 15

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.  
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SIMLA	July 14	August 12
MALTA	July 28	September 26
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SYRIA	Aug. 25	Oct. 23
BUMAY	Sept. 8	Nov. 7
BORNEO	Sept. 22	Nov. 21
NILE	Oct. 6	Nov. 21

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta.  
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MAIL SCHEDULE.  
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STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EASTERN	June 25	21st July, at Noon.

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Steamships	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	SATURDAY, July 10, at Noon.
KAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	SATURDAY, July 17, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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## To-day's Advertisements



## HONGKONG OPIUM FARM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed Tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, till Noon on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, 1909, for the purchase of the privilege known as the Opium Farm established under "The Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891-1908," that is to say, the sole privilege of preparing Opium and of selling, within the Colony, (including the New Territories), Opium so prepared, in pursuance of the privilege of collecting duties and of preparing and dealing in Drugs Opium, for three years from the 1st of March, 1910.

Full information as to conditions of tendering, etc., can be obtained from the Colonial Treasurer, and the conditions of tendering and form of grant have been published in Government Gazette as Notice No. 401 of the 2nd July, 1909.

A. M. THOMSON,  
Colonial Secretary.

2nd July, 1909.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undernamed have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for account of the concerned, on

**SATURDAY,**  
the 10th July, 1909, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, No. 2, Des Voeux Road, Corner of the Victoria Street.

50 cases Menopelle Seltzer Water, 2 cases Danish Tuborg Beer, 20 cases Margaux, 15 cases Sherry;

Also

A quantity of Shoes, Money Purses, Straw Hats, Umbrellas, Table Covers, Nickel Watches, Travelling Bags, etc., etc.

Terms: As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, July 8, 1909.

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## SAMPLES ON APPLICATION.

## H. RUTTONJEE &amp; SON,

## WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Hongkong, February 27, 1909.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## STEAMER CALEDONIAN.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

## CONSIGNMENT OF CARGO FROM LONDON

By the *Derwent* and *Valley* from LONDON via *Swansea* and *Cardiff* on the 1st day of July, 1909, in connection with the above Steamer are here by informed that their Goods, with the exception of *Tea*, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Goods of the *HONGKONG & KOWLOON STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.*, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Original Cargo will be forwarded on consignment received from the Consignee before 10 a.m. Tuesday, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 15th July, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 15th July, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on THURSDAY, the 15th July, at 3 p.m. No Free Insurance has been effected.

P. de CHAMPMORIN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, July 8, 1909.

## EXCHANGE

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